

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

**CATHOLIC LEGAL IMMIGRATION
NETWORK, INC., et al.,**

Plaintiffs,

V.

Civil Action No. 8:20-cv-02042-TDC

**UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND
IMMIGRATION SERVICES, et al.,**

Defendants.

JOINT STATUS REPORT

In accordance with the parties' proposal to submit a joint status report on a monthly basis, as stated in their Joint Motion to Stay All Proceedings filed on September 28, 2020 (ECF No. 18 at 6), the parties, by and through undersigned counsel, hereby file this Joint Status Report, and state as follows:

1. Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., Alianza Americas, and National TPS Alliance (Plaintiffs) commenced the instant action against the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and United States Department of State (State), (collectively, Defendants) to compel compliance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Specifically, the Complaint seeks responses to three separate FOIA requests submitted to USCIS (“Request 1”), State (“Request 2”), and DHS (“Request 3”) respectively. (Compl. ¶¶ 27-40.)

2. On September 3, 2021, USCIS produced its eleventh rolling release of documents comprised of 5 pages released in full and 329 pages released in part from the Office of Policy and Strategy component (OP&S) to Plaintiffs in response to Request 1. USCIS is presently processing the twelfth production of USCIS pages. Subject to FOIA exemptions, the twelfth

production of USCIS pages is expected to be produced on or about October 6, 2021. Per the request of Plaintiffs, the twelfth production will consist of responsive, non-FOIA exempt documents from OP&S.

3. State produced its ninth rolling release on August 17, 2021 comprised of 9 records released in part. State is continuing to collect unclassified potentially responsive documents. The tenth production of responsive, non-exempt material, to the extent any such material is identified, will be made on or before September 17, 2021. Despite continued challenges presented by COVID-19, State has also completed its searches of classified systems.

4. The parties are continuing to engage in discussions regarding the possible narrowing or prioritization of Plaintiffs' FOIA requests.

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Respectfully submitted,

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